

**23rd**Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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# Nativity Catholic Church

## Celebration of the Eucharist

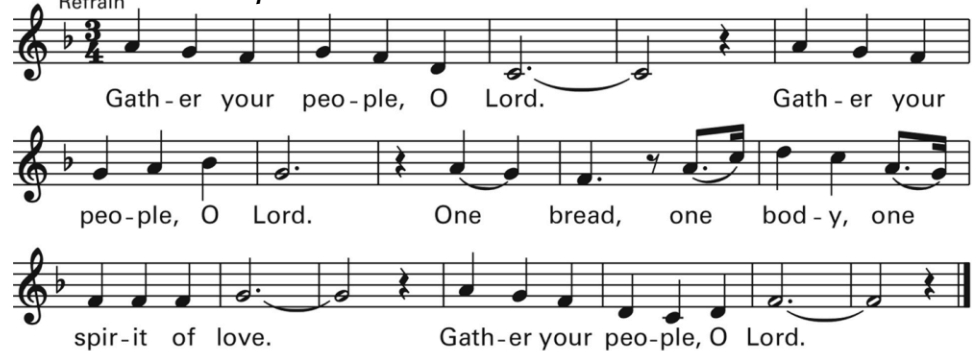
### 5pm, September 6, 2025

#### Introductory Rites

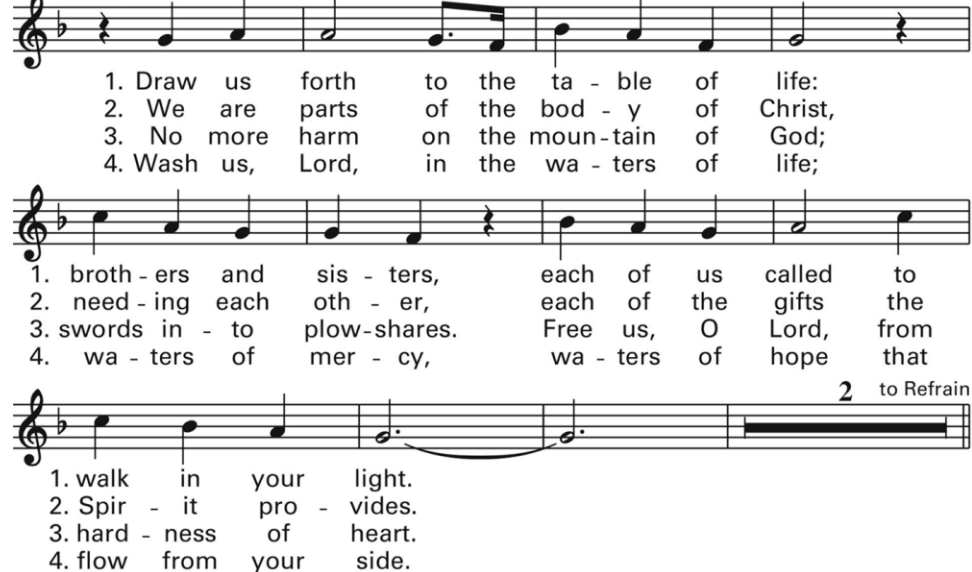
##### Processional Hymn

##### Gather Your People

Hurd



##### Verses



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##### Penitential Rite

Gloria  
Collect

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

#### Liturgy of the Word

##### First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And as for us, we gaze at things on earth, and

what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

##### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17



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##### Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

##### Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 119:135

Owen Alstott



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*Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.*

##### Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

##### Homily

Profession of Faith  
Universal Prayer

# ✠ Liturgy of the Eucharist ✠

## Preparation of the Gifts

### *I Will Choose Christ*

Booth

*Refrain*

I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve.

I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all

*1-3 to Verses* *Final*

to you. to you. I give my all to you.

*Verse 1*

1. How man-y times must he call my name and show to

1. me that he is God? And as a ser-vant he

1. calls to me, "You must serve too."

*to Refrain*

*Verse 2*

2. Christ, my teach - er and heal - er, teach my

2. heart and heal my soul. And as I walk this

2. road with you, teach me to love.

*to Refrain*

*Verse 3*

3. As I look up-on your cross, so too

3. must I die with you. And with the death of my

3. own de - sires, I'll rise with you.

*to Refrain*

## Prayer over the Offerings The Eucharistic Prayer

### *Holy*

### *We Proclaim Your Death*

### *Amen*

Mass of Renewal

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Stephan

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## Communion Rite

### *The Lord's Prayer*

### *The Sign of Peace*

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

### *Lamb of God*

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

## Music during the Communion Procession

### *I Am the Bread of Life*

Talbot

I am the Bread of Life. All who eat this Bread

will nev - er die.

I am God's love re - vealed. I am bro - ken

that you might be healed.

*VERSE 1* *mp*

1. All who eat of this heav - en - ly Bread,

1. all who drink this cup of the cov - e - nant:

1. you will live for - ev - er, for

1. I will raise you up.

VERSE 2

2. No one who comes to me shall hun - ger a - gain.

2. No one who be - lies shall ev - er thirst.

2. All that the Fa - ther draws shall come to me, and

2. I shall give them rest.

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Meditation

*Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual

Verses

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,  
 2. Now the jour - ney has be - gun, now the jour - ney has be - gun,  
 3. When the prize is sure - ly won, when the prize is sure - ly won,  
 4. I heard my moth - er say, I heard my moth - er say,  
 5. Dark mid - night was my cry, dark mid - night was my cry,  
 6. Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,

Refrain

1. in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus. Give me Je -  
 2. now the jour - ney has be - gun, give me Je - sus.  
 3. when the prize is sure - ly won, give me Je - sus.  
 4. I heard my moth - er say, give me Je - sus.  
 5. dark mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 6. oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

sus, give me Je - sus. You may have all this world. Give me Je - sus.

Text for refrain and verses 1, 4-6: Traditional.

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Prayer After Communion

✠ Concluding Rites ✠

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

*City of God*

Schutte

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my  
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
 blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

D.C.

dark - ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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***Blessed are those who have not lost hope. (Sir 14:2)***

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimages through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!  
Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.  
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,  
to bring the hope of peace.  
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,  
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.  
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones  
and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.  
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,  
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost  
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!  
Amen.



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